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SUBJECT: TUNNEL ESCAPE TO WEST BERLIN

1. WEST BERLIN PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 9 THAT ON JULY 27 NINE PERSONS HAD ESCAPED FROM GDR TO WEST BERLIN VIA TUNNEL SURFACING IN WANNSEE AREA OF ZEHLENDORF DISTRICT. STORY WAS FIRST PUBLISHED BY SPRINGER WIRE SERVICE, WHICH STATED THAT TUNNEL HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCOVERED BY GDR POLICE. ESCAPEES, FIVE CHILDREN AND FOUR ADULTS, HAVE IN MEANTIME MOVED TO FRG FOLLOWING CUSTOMARY PROCESSING AT MARIENFELDE REFUGEE CENTER.

2. MISSION HAD BEEN INFORMED OF ESCAPE BY WEST BERLIN POLICE AND WAS IN PROCESS OF TRYING TO DETERMINE WHETHER TUNNEL HAD BEEN DISCOVERED BY GDR WHEN SPRINGER STORY APPEARED.

3. MISSION INFORMATION OFFICER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REFER POSSIBLE PRESS INQUIRIES TO BERLIN POLICE. KLEIN

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